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In re Application of

MCLEAN, VA 22102

Kristiansen, et al. : DECISION ON PETITION

Application No. 10/785,418
Filed: February 25, 2004
Docket No.: 065322-0308491

This decision is in response to the petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181 filed March 24, 2006.

The petition is hereby **DISMISSED**.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within **TWO (2) MONTHS** from mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.181." This is not a final agency decision.

This application became abandoned September 14, 2005 for failure to timely submit a proper reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice). The Notice, mailed July 13, 2005, set a two month shortened statutory period of time for reply. Notice of Abandonment was mailed March 14, 2006.

Petitioners allege that a reply to the Notice was timely submitted on August 19, 2005 and reference a date-stamped return receipt.

A review of the official record does not reveal that a response was received on August 19, 2005 as argued by petitioners. Moreover, a copy of the alleged response and a copy of the date-stamped return receipt do not appear to have been provided with the instant petition. Accordingly, the instant petition is subject to dismissal.

Any renewed petition should include a copy of the response alleged to have been submitted along with a copy of the date-stamp return receipt as evidence of submission.

There is no indication that practitioner herein was ever empowered to prosecute the instant application. If practitioner desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the appropriate power of attorney documentation must be submitted. A courtesy copy of this decision will be mailed to practitioner.

However, all future correspondence will be directed to the address of record until such time as appropriate instructions are received to the contrary.

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